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"It is the mission of the Supervisor of Elections office to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and empower each voter through continuous education."



SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Happy September!

Although Hernando County does not have any elections in 2021 we have been incredibly busy. This past Spring new election laws were passed by the Florida Legislature so staff has been busy updating forms and procedures regarding those changes.

(read more about the changes on page 4)

Mis/DisInformation: One thing that has intensified this year is mis/disinformation voters are receiving on social media. If you have questions or concerns about election related matters, please feel free to call us (352-754-4125). Passing along mis/disinformation only helps erode trust in our democratic process. Know the source of the information before sharing it. Here is a link from CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency) that will provide some useful tips on stopping mis/disinformation!

https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/19_1115_cisa_nrnc-Disinformation-Stops-With-You_1.pdf

I hope you enjoy our Fall newsletter!

Shirley Anderson
Supervisor of Elections

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



Mary Elkins

Director of Voter Services
17 years of service!

HAPPY RETIREMENT!!

Congratulation to Mary Elkins on her retirement!

Mary has been a fixture at the elections office for seventeen years. Mary has been through five Presidential Elections! She has been one of the friendly faces you see at our front counter. Not only was Mary committed to the accuracy of our voter rolls she also helped to oversee one of our early vote locations. Her dedication to the elections process and the voters of Hernando County is undeniable! Thank you Mary for your dedicated service.

Enjoy retirement!



VOTER'S REGISTRATION



As of 9/22/2021

Active Registered Voters	Democrats	Republicans	Others	Total
	41,303	63,545	40,898	145,746

Did you move to Florida from another State?

Many voters do not realize that when you register to vote in Florida this does not automatically un-register you in your prior state. Please contact the last state you were registered in and ask to be removed from the registration rolls. Since becoming a member of Electronic Registration Information Center ([ERIC](#)) Florida now has access to 30 states' voter information. This has proven to be a very useful tool in our list maintenance process. Utilizing this data, we are able to improve the accuracy of our voter rolls by cross checking with other states, but it is still YOUR responsibility to make sure you are not registered in more than one jurisdiction.



ELECTION'S SECURITY

HernandoVotes.gov

In the last edition, we introduced our new and secure website domain of [HernandoVotes.gov](#).

In an effort to continue our security, we will be moving away from using the [HernandoVotes.com](#) website address. In order for us to be successful in this process, we need your help. If you have been using the [HernandoVotes.com](#) address, please switch out the link to [HernandoVotes.gov](#) in order for more traffic to flow to the site.

[HernandoVotes.gov](#) is the most safe and secure way to view your current election information. The .gov domain is managed by the Cyber Security Division of the Department of Homeland Security. This means that our website is safe from bad actors that could potentially do harm to our website.

With [HernandoVotes.gov](#), we are safer than ever.

ELECTION WORKER UPDATE



The SOE has already begun the staffing process for the Primary Election in August of 2022. We have contacted all of the Election Workers who were still considered “active” after working last year.

So far, we have approximately 170 Election Workers who have indicated that they will be serving the Hernando County voters again next year.

Additionally, we have contacted over 440 Hernando County voters who have noted on their updated voter registration forms that they are interested in becoming a new Election Worker. Of these, approximately 50 have responded that they are still interested.

Recruiting efforts will continue up until the time that training starts next June.

If you are interested in learning more about the election process, serving your fellow citizens, and earning some extra money, see the positions available and complete an application on our website: www.hernandovotes.gov/Election-Worker



CANDIDATES FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Did you ever wonder who is contributing to candidates?

Per Florida Statutes all candidates must submit a monthly report of their expenses and contributions. We currently have 17 active local candidates listed on our website. You can view the candidates and their monthly reports at <https://www.hernandovotes.gov/Candidates/LocalCandidates-info>

Candidates who are running for a state or federal office are listed at:

<https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates>

Many candidates choose to qualify using the petition process in lieu of paying a qualifying fee.

The number of valid petition signatures a candidate must secure before qualifying is 1,469 based on the 146,893 registered voters at book closing in the 2020 General Election (1% of the total number of registered voters at the last general election).

Candidates for City Council can only qualify by paying the fee (qualifying fee is 4% of annual salary = 3% filing fee and 1% assessment).

Candidates must submit the signed petitions to the Supervisor of Elections prior to 12:00 Noon on May 16, 2022, for verification. (Noon, March 28, 2022 for Federal, Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender).

To date our office has processed 6,740 petitions for local candidates.

For more information visit our website www.HernandoVotes.gov/candidates or call (352) 754-4125.



SENATE BILL 90 FACTS

In late April, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 90, an Election Administration bill revising certain sections of Florida's Election Law. Governor DeSantis signed the bill into law on May 6, with immediate effect. Here is a brief summary of changes that may affect voters as it relates to voter registration updates, vote-by-mail requests, and ballot drop boxes:

Voter Registration Updates:

Address Changes

Voters must provide their date of birth and their Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or last four digits of their social security number when making an address change by phone or electronically. Alternatively, voters may change their address by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application or a signed written notice.

Name or Party Affiliation Changes

Voters are required to submit a Florida Voter Registration Application when making a name or party affiliation change and must include their Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or last four digits of their social security number.

Vote-by-Mail Requests:

A voter must have a request on file to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. One request for a vote-by-mail ballot will cover all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next scheduled general election. Existing vote-by-mail requests on file are valid through the end of 2022.

A voter requesting a vote-by-mail ballot for themselves, either in-person or by phone, must provide the following information:

- Voter's name
- Voter's address
- Voter's date of birth
- Voter's Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or last four digits of social security number
- Voter's signature (written requests only)

An immediate family member or legal guardian requesting a vote-by-mail ballot on a voter's behalf, must provide the additional information:

- Requestor's name
- Requestor's address
- Requestor's date of birth
- Requestor's Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or last four digits of social security number
- Requestor's relationship to the voter
- Requestor's signature (written requests only)

A request for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file must be in writing and signed by the voter including the voter's Florida driver license number or Florida ID card number or the last four digits of their social security number.

Ballot Drop Boxes:

Secure ballot drop boxes must be continuously monitored by elections personnel and will only be available at the Supervisor of Elections office and at all Early Voting sites during Early Voting hours.

Note: Drop Boxes located at the Supervisor of Elections Offices will no longer be available 24/7. However, voters may still utilize the drop boxes at the election's office during business hours, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

It is unlawful for any person to physically possess more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member.